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STATEMENT

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Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder Statement on Passage of Gun Rights Legislation

“I applaud the Missouri General Assembly for passing Senate Bill 62 & 41, preserving one of our most fundamental rights in the Second Amendment. I am proud to have supported one of the most progressive gun rights bills in recent memory, passing overwhelmingly in both houses of the legislature (Senate 29-3, House 151-6).

This legislation reaffirms the rights of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves from assailants who enter their home or vehicle. This measure also repeals an outdated, discriminatory, and arbitrarily applied statute that added a copious amount of red tape to an individual seeking to purchase a handgun. After Governor Blunt signs this bill into law, a handgun customer need only pass a federal background check, eliminating the onerous inconvenience of receiving permission from the county sheriff to purchase a handgun.

The final issue addressed by this bill closes a loophole for those adjudicated as mentally incompetent. Missouri’s mental health records will now be provided to the National Instant Check System, barring anyone deemed by a judge to be mentally incompetent from receiving clearance to purchase a weapon. It is imperative that we take preventive action to keep Missourians safe from individuals who are prohibited from possessing firearms.”